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Shevardnadze: A question is sure to be asked about the President's visit this year. (S)

President Gorbachev: Our position is that an agreement remains in effect to meet; we just need to speed up work. (S)

President Bush: We didn't put any conditions on our next visit. I will say I'm looking forward to it, hope to have a START agreement in place, we're hoping to do it this year, and that we discussed it. (S)

President Gorbachev: Your formula is acceptable. (S)

President Bush: I'll mention that there is no specific date, but that we want to do it, maybe at the end of this year or early next year. (S)

What questions, Marlin, should we be ready on? (S)

Marlin Fitzwater: The situation in Gulf and whether you made any new plans. (S)

President Bush: I would say we want a peaceful resolution, and that our statement speaks to our fundamental resolve. (S)

Marlin Fitzwater: A question may also arise on Soviet participation, troops in particular. (S)

President Bush: If economic assistance comes up, we can say that some businessmen are on the way. (S)

Secretary Baker: The use of force question may also come up. (S)

President Bush: The statement is very good; it deals with all of this. Who will read it? If you get Russian copies, we can do it in English. (U)

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